

## General Guidelines for Manuscript Submission to

### *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*

*The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* is a peer-reviewed journal that publishes scholarly articles examining the history and culture of Kentucky and its people. Fiction and poetry are not considered, and neither in most cases is material that has been previously published. Genealogy/family-history articles should be directed to *Kentucky Ancestors* (see link on this Web site).

The editors cannot judge article ideas or abstracts; full, completed manuscripts must be submitted for consideration. Submission of a manuscript by no means guarantees that it will be published. Manuscripts undergo a rigorous review process, and only some are chosen for publication. For others, rewriting and resubmission may be recommended.

Authors of potential articles for the *Register* need not be professional historians, but all should understand that their work will be judged by professional historians and held to high scholarly standards. Manuscripts passing the initial review by the *Register* staff are sent to scholars with expertise related to the article topic for double-blind peer review. This means that the scholars are not told the identity of the authors and authors are not told the identity of the reviewers. This process can take several months.

### Subject Matter

The subject matter of potential articles can range widely, from broad-based studies to local topics or biographical pieces. Any time period is acceptable, from the presettlement era to modern times. The *Register* also publishes edited and annotated diaries, collections of letters, and oral-history transcripts.

There should be a Kentucky connection to the article, but the main action may not necessarily take place in Kentucky. For example, there are articles about Kentuckians in military service overseas or politicians working in Washington, D.C. The *Register* will also consider articles on broader, regional themes, such as Appalachia, which have a significant Kentucky component.

## Manuscript Format and Length

Authors interested in submitting manuscripts for consideration by the *Register* are strongly encouraged to look at recent issues to note the style and format. Style should conform to the scholarly standard, the *Chicago Manual of Style* (15th edition). The *Register* uses the *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary* (11th edition) for questions of spelling and hyphenation. Manuscripts should be double-spaced in a standard font with footnotes instead of endnotes if possible. The author's name should not appear on the title page.

There is no required length for prospective articles; generally, they should be in the range of twenty to thirty-five pages (double-spaced), including notes. The editors may consider longer manuscripts, but they may require substantial cuts before they can be accepted for publication.

## Illustrations and Maps

The *Register* publishes illustrations and maps with its articles, although these are not required for consideration of manuscripts.

If a manuscript is accepted for publication, the *Register* staff will help in locating images. At this point authors should send originals of photographs, maps, and other illustrative material.

## Acceptance, Copyright, and Publication

If a manuscript is accepted for publication, the author is expected to sign a standard journal copyright agreement. It is the author's responsibility to obtain the necessary written permissions to quote from unpublished documents, to quote extensively from published material, and to use illustrative material.

Authors receive fifteen offprints of the article and five copies of the issue in which it appears.

## Manuscript Submission

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